



Abraham Guest
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ADMISSIONS POLICY

Date approved by Governing Body

Signature of Chair to the Governing Body

Signature of Academy Principal

Date of Review

Objectives and constraints

The Abraham Guest Academy Trust is responsible for determining the Academy's Admission Policy. In undertaking this responsibility, the Trust will be guided by the requirements of the law and will conform fully to the admissions code. The admissions oversubscription criteria have been created so as to ensure fairness, transparency and ease of operation to minimise appeals.

Admission Number(s)

The planned admissions number for Year 7 will be 205

Priorities for Admissions

In accordance with the 1996 Education Act the allocation of school places for children with a statement of special educational needs which names the Academy will take place first. We will then allocate the remaining places in accordance with this policy.

Where more applications are received than there are places available, applications will be considered in accordance with the Academy's published oversubscription criteria following the order stated below:

Oversubscription criteria

A. 'Looked after Children' and 'Previously looked after Children'

A 'looked after child' is a child who is in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that authority (as defined in section 22 of the Children Act 1989) at the time of application and who the local authority has confirmed will still be looked after at the time of admission to the school.

Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order). Applications for previously looked after children must be supported with appropriate evidence i.e., a copy of adoption order, residence order or special guardianship order.

B. Children for whom there are particular medical or social reasons which, in the Academy's view, justifies admission to the school

Supporting evidence from a registered professional, such as a medical practitioner, psychologist or social worker, must be provided which sets out the particular reasons why the school is the most suitable school and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school. The Academy Trust will consider the information presented and will determine whether the evidence is sufficiently compelling to apply this criterion to the application. Few applications fall within this category.

C. Siblings

Pupils with elder brothers or sisters, step-brothers or step-sisters, half-brothers or half-sisters, adopted brothers or adopted sisters living together as part of one household, already attending the Academy (in years 7 through to

Year 10) and expected to continue at the Academy in the following school year. (i.e. at the time of admission)

D. Pupils living nearest to the Academy measured using an Ordnance Survey address-point system which measures straight line distances in miles from the address point of the Academy to the address point of the place of residence using a Geographical Information System (GIS) [This criterion will be used as a tie-break in criterion C above]

E. If the Academy cannot differentiate between the applications within any criterion a random allocation tie-breaker will be applied. This may be required for example, where applicants reside in the same block of flats or are children of a multiple birth living at the same address.

Definitions and notes

1. Siblings.

- A full brother or sister, whether or not resident in the same household.
- Another child normally living for the majority of term time in the same household, where an adult in the household has parental responsibility as defined by the Children Act 1989. Or any child in the household where an adult in the household is defined as a parent for the purposes of Section 576 of the Education Act 1996.
- In the case of twins, or brothers and sisters in the same year group, where there is only one place available in the Academy, both will be considered together as one application

2. By home we mean the address where the child lives for the majority of the school term time with a parent who has parental responsibility as defined in the Children Act 1989. Or any child in the household where an adult in the household is defined as a parent for the purposes of Section 576 of the Education Act 1996. This could include a person who is not a parent but who has responsibility for her or him. It could include a child's guardians but will not usually include other relatives such as grandparents, aunts, uncles etc unless they have all the rights, duties, powers and responsibilities and authority, which by law a parent of a child has in relation to the child and their property. Where your child lives normally during the school week with more than one parent at different addresses, the home address for the purposes of school admissions will be that of the parent who lives closest, as measured by driving distance, to the school in question.

If you have more than one home, we will take as the home address the address where you and your child normally live for the majority of the school term time.

3. Late applications (those received after the closing date) will only be considered after those received by the closing date. The only exception to this is applications for looked after children that are received by 30th November will be included with on time applications.

4. Waiting list - Places may become available after the offer date. We will:

- Place all children refused a place on the waiting list
- Keep the list in priority order, decided by the oversubscription criteria for the school only;
- Offer any place that becomes available to the next child on the waiting list; and
- Maintain the waiting list until the end of the Autumn term

We cannot take into account the length of time a child's name has been on the waiting list, only the admission criteria for the school. This means that your child's position on the list may change if another parent asks to be put on the list and their child has higher priority in the oversubscription criteria.